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To: Interested Parties
From: Christine Gianopoulos, Director
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Subject: Amendments to BEAS community program rules

As of September 1, 2004 amendments to the following sections of the Bureau of Elder and Adult Services Policy Manual take effect:

- Section 65 – Nutrition Services - Changes to Section 65 update language to permit use of Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) for consumer donations; correct the maximum holding temperature of cold foods to 41 degrees F; add a provision for denial, reduction and termination of congregate meals; make consumers residing in assisted housing where meals are available ineligible for home delivered meals; clarify waiting list requirements; and decrease the requirement for written notice of changes to dining site operations from 30 to 10 days.
- Section 67 – Outreach, Intake and Information and Referral – The wording of the purpose of the program and description of the consumers to be served have been changed to be consistent with the Older Americans Act. Other changes clarify the denial, reduction and termination provisions and consumer records and reports requirements.
- Section 70 – Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) – Changes in this section limit the rate of pay for participants in this program to the state minimum wage and add a provision for denial, reduction and termination of participation in the program.
- Section 75 – Family Caregiver Support Program – Changes to Section 75 add a definition of older individuals as persons age 60 or older; clarify who may receive respite and supplemental services; and add staff requirements for area agencies on aging.

The adopted rules are available at the BEAS website www.maine.gov/dhs/beas where each section is presented as a separate document. For those who would prefer a paper copy, please call the Bureau at 287-9200 or use the request form on the website.